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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SPAIN OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: MADRID 2244

1. MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE DU MARVIE SARVAAS
CONFIRMED THAT VISIT OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAAUW
TO MADRID FEBRUARY 26-28 HAD BEEN POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY.
ACCORDING TO MFA, VISIT SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE MUCH EARLIER
BUT HAD BEEN DELAYED BY LENGTHY DUTCH CABINET FORMATION
PROCESS. EVEN SO, VISIT TO SPAIN WAS FIRST FOR NEW FOREIGN
MINISTER OUTSIDE BENELUX AREA.

2. DUTCH EXPECT EEC ADVICE ON SPAIN TO BE ISSUED LATER THIS
YEAR, WITH NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW OVER NEXT TWO YEARS. AS
IN CASE OF GREECE, DUTCH DID NOT AGREE TO SPANISH REQUEST
FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOME INFORMAL MANNER IN EEC POLITICAL
CONSULTATIONS BEFORE DATE OF ACCESSION. GON EXPECTS ENTRY
NEGOTIATIONS TO BE DIFFICULT BUT IS ENCOURAGED BY SPANISH
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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER FOR EEC TALKS.

3. DU MARCHIE SARVAAS SAID SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY RAISED
SUBJECT OF NATO IN COMMENT THAT SOVIET UNION HAD NOT RPT NOT
MADE APPROACH LINKING NATO MEMBERSHIP TO CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE
IN MADRID. DUTCH COMMENTED THAT POLITICAL ALIGNMENT OF COUNTRY
HOLDING NEXT REVIEW MADE NO DIFFERENCE BUT THAT GON WELCOMED

SPANISH NATO MEMBERSHIP WHEN SPAIN IS READY.

4. COMMENT: VAN DER KLAUW VISIT WAS FIRST OFFICIAL
VISIT TO SPAIN BY A DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE FRANCO CAME TO
POWER. ALTHOUGH FORMER SOCIALIST FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL
PLANS TO QUESTION THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING SPAIN'S UNWILLINGNESS
TO RATIFY NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, GON MOOD TOWARD SPAIN IS
NOW VERY POSITIVE. MOREOVER, DUTCH DOUBTS CONCERNING
SPAIN'S DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST.
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